



Welcome On Board

Simon Bennett

General Manager, STAUFF-Voswinkel QRC Division



During Simon's induction week into STAUFF UK, we took a few minutes to find out a little bit more about his achievements, social life, likes and his goals as he takes up the role of General Manager, STAUFF-Voswinkel QRC Division.

Which company were you with before you joined STAUFF? Sales Director at Holmbury Ltd.

Have you always been in the hydraulics industry? What other experience do you have?

No, my background is in machine tools, specifically high precision grinding machines. I'm a time served Mechanical Engineer with an HNC in Mechanical and Production Engineering. However, I have been involved in the quick release couplings segment for more than 18 years, initially at Staubli and then working for Holmbury Ltd.

A lot of the company are aware of QRC's, but can you tell us a bit more about their basic functionality?

Quick release couplings are sometimes referred to as Quick Disconnects (QD's) or Quick Connects (QC's, the term we are adopting in STAUFF UK) and are designed for the fast, tool-free, connection of hose and pipelines. These fittings can be used to replace threaded and flanged connections, saving time and money.

Valved quick connects are engineered to self-seal on disconnection preventing costly spillage. Typical applications are throughout the construction industry for mobile plant; agricultural industry for tractors and trailers; oil and gas and in fact anywhere where there is a need to connect/disconnect on a regular basis.

If a hose or tube in a fluid power system needs to be connected and disconnected more frequently than once a week, then chances are a quick-acting coupling will pay for itself rapidly by improving productivity.

Keep an eye out for notices as Simon will be delivering a number of training courses on the product range over the coming weeks.

Where do you call home and would you like to tell us a bit about your family?

I'm married with two grown up daughters, Heather 26 a qualified Physiotherapist and Hannah 22 currently studying International Fashion with Business at University. My wife of 30 years (yikes) Brenda, is a specialist Ophthalmology nurse.

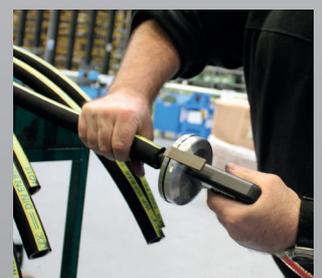
Born and bred in Yorkshire, I've now lived in East Kilbride, Scotland for the last 25 years. I'm a passionate golfer, although I only discovered the game in the last 2 years and whenever I can I love to fish both river and deep sea fishing.

... and a few thoughts on your "STAUFF Journey" ahead?

It's a truly exciting time to join a Global manufacturer of Quick Connect Couplings where I'm able to bring experience, commitment and passion to an expanding sector of industry.

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We'd like to wish Simon every success with us at STAUFF.



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